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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Christopher T. Schatz

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 January 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-9 and 11-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-9 and 11-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-9 and 11-19 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 August 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. New corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in this application because the current drawings do not properly label character 13. Applicant characterizes 13 as “grooves or recesses” but the figures do not label 13 as such. In the figures, 13 is not labeled as the void space in the fixing zone, but rather it is labeled as the thin part of the shaft in the fixing zone. The corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The requirement for corrected drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Objections

2. Applicant is advised that should claim 12 be found allowable, claims 11 and 2 will be objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate thereof. When two claims in an application are duplicates or else are so close in content that they both cover the same thing, despite a slight difference in wording, it is proper after allowing one claim to object to the other as being a substantial duplicate of the allowed claim. See MPEP § 706.03(k).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 2-9 and 11-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which

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applicant regards as the invention. In claims 11 and 12, the phrase "...wherein the through fixing zone or zones (11) is or are a through zone or zones..." should be removed from each of the claims because the phrase does not further limitation the claims.

Regarding claims 4 and 14, line 6, "zone or zone" should be changed to "zone or zones."

As to claims 5 and 15, it is not clear to the examiner how the grooves can function as stops. It appears that applicant inserts washers 16 and 17 into the grooves such that the washers function as stops as set forth in claims 6, 7, 16 and 17. Examiner respectfully requests clarification of the scope of claim 5.

Claim 6 recites the limitation "the groove or grooves" and "the recess or recesses" in lines 4 and 5. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. It is recommended that the claim be dependent on claim 2.

Claim 7 recites the limitation "the groove or grooves" and "the recess or recesses" in lines 5 and 6. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 2-9 and 11-19 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action. The closest prior art is considered to be Brichoud et al. '613 and Weinhaus '982. Brichoud et al. '613 discloses a method for manufacturing a ski or snowboard, wherein pieces 35, 26a are engaged on the outer surface of an exterior decorative assembly 25, 19, each said piece projecting from the inner surface and having at least one fixing zone (figures 9 and 10). However, the reference does not disclose a method wherein the pieces and the exterior assembly are placed in a mold *after* said

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pieces have engaged the outer surface of the exterior assembly. Weinhaus discloses a method for manufacturing a ski or snowboard, wherein pieces are engaged on the outer surface of an exterior decorative assembly each said piece projecting from the inner surface and having at least one fixing zone (figure 10, column 3, lines 32-52). However, the pieces are engaged after the ski and exterior surface have been molding as is well known in the art. No teaching in the prior art would motivate one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the method of Brichoud et al. '613 or Weinhaus '982 such that the pieces are engaged on the outer surface of the assembly before the assembly and ski body is placed in a mold.

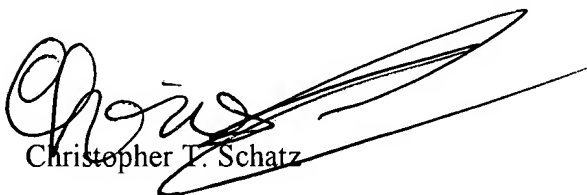
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Christopher T. Schatz** whose telephone number is **571-272-1456**. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:30, Monday -Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Crispino can be reached on 571-272-1226. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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